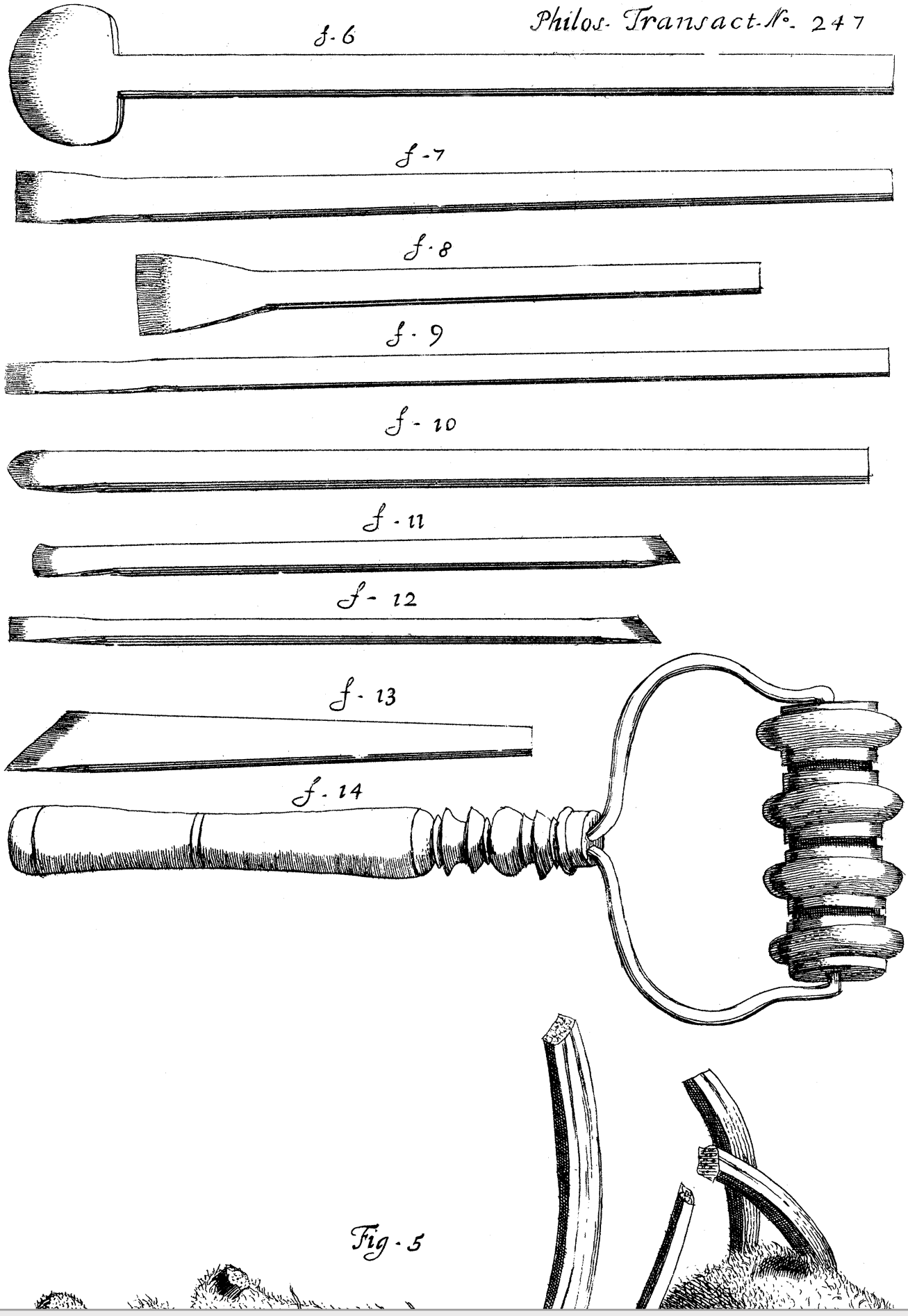

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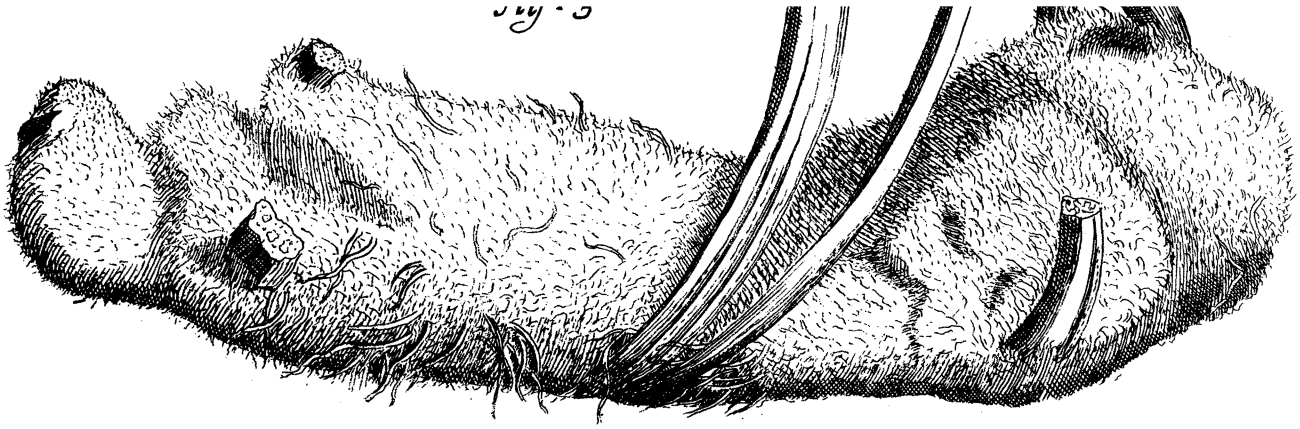

VII. *A further Account of the Contents of the* China *Cabinet mentioned laſt Tranſaction, p.* 390. *By* Hans Sloane, *M. D.*

Fig. 5. repreſents what is commonly, but falſely, in *India*, called, *The Tartarian Lamb*. This was more than a Foot long, as big as ones Wriſt, having ſeveral Protuberances, and towards the end ſome Foot-ſtalks about Three or Four Inches long, exactly like the Foot-ſtalks of Ferns, both without and within. Moſt part of the outſide of this was cover'd with a Down of a dark yellowiſh Snuff-Colour, ſhining like Silk, ſome of it a quarter of an Inch long. This Down is what is commonly uſed for ſpitting Blood, about Six Grains of it being to a Doſe, and Three Doſes pretended to cure ſuch an Hæmorrhage. In *Jamaica* are many ſcandent and Tree-Ferns, which grow on, or to the bigneſs of Trees, and have ſuch a kind of *Lanugo* on them, and ſome of our *Capillaries* have ſomething like it. It ſeem'd to be ſhap'd by Art to imitate a Lamb, the Roots or climbing part is made to reſemble the Body, and the extant Footſtalks the Legs. This Down is taken Notice of by Dr. *Merret* at the latter end (p. 386.) of Dr. *Grew's Muſ. Soc. Reg.* by the Name of *Poco Sempie*, a Golden Moſs, and is there ſaid to be a Cordial. I have been aſſured by Dr. *Brown*, who has made very good Obſervations in the *Eaſt-Indies*, that he has been told there by thoſe who have lived in *China*, that this Down or Hair is uſed by them for the Stopping of Blood in freſh Wounds, as Cobwebs are with us, and that they have it in ſo great Eſteem that few Houſes are without it. I have known it much uſed for ſpitting of Blood; it being pretended, that ſome of the ſmall Down may, by being ſwallowed, eaſily ſlip into the Wind-

pipe

pipe, and ſo ſtop the Bleeding: But on Tryals I have ſeen of it, though I may believe it innocent, yet I am ſure 'tis not infallible.

Fig. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Shew Eight ſeveral Inſtruments made for paring the Nails, at which, in *China*, the People are very curious and dextrous. Theſe Inſtruments are each of them ſhaped like a Chizzel.

Fig. 14. repreſents a kind of Inſtrument, called, in *China*, a Champing Inſtrument. Its uſe is to be rub'd or roul'd all over the Muſcular Fleſh. It is like an Horſes Curricomb, and is ſaid to be uſed after the ſame manner, and for the ſame Purpoſes that they are made uſe of for Horſes.

VIII. An Account of a Book.

Muſeo de Piante rare della Sicilia, Malta, Corſica, Italia, Piemonte e Germania, &c. di Don Paolo Boccone, &c. *with additional Remarks by Mr.* John Ray, *F. R. S.*

THE learned and ingenious Author of this Work, Signior *Paolo Boccone*, a Gentleman of *Sicily*, Botaniſt to the Great Duke of *Tuſcany*, and now a Monk of the *Ciſtertian* Order, of the Province of *Sicily*, having changed his *Prænomen* into *Sylvius*, hath rendred himſelf well known to the learned World, by his Writings publiſhed many Years ſince, *viz.* His *Icones & Deſcriptiones rariorum Plantarum Siciliæ, Melitæ, Galliæ & Italiæ*, Printed at *Oxford* in the Year 1674. And his Letters

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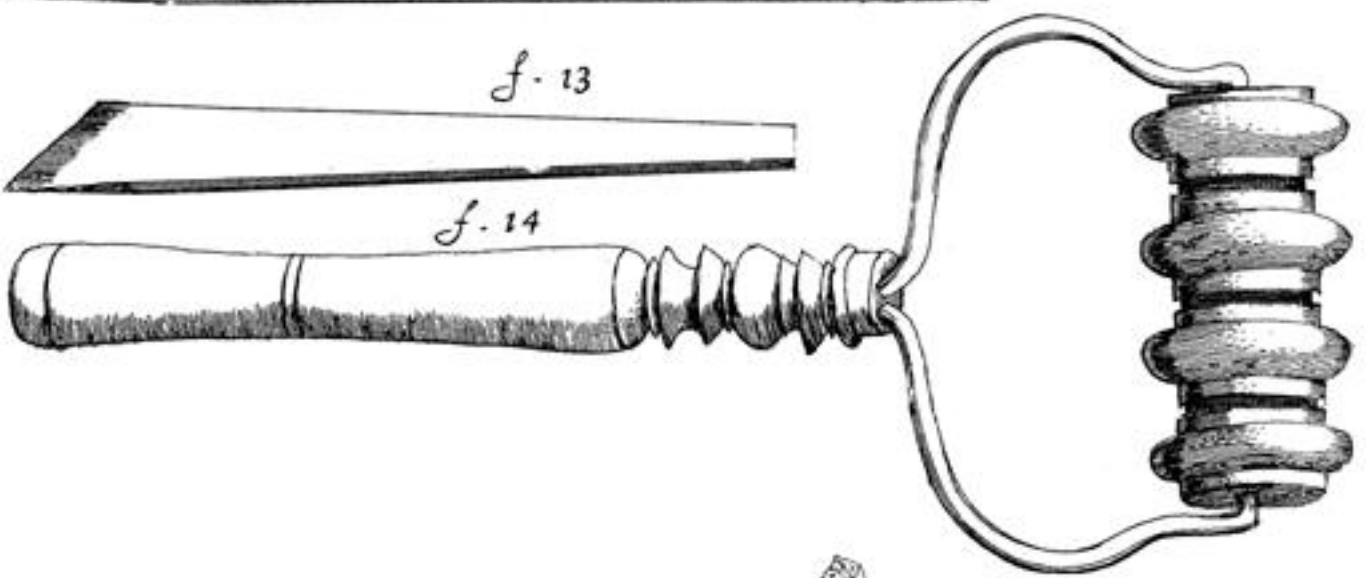
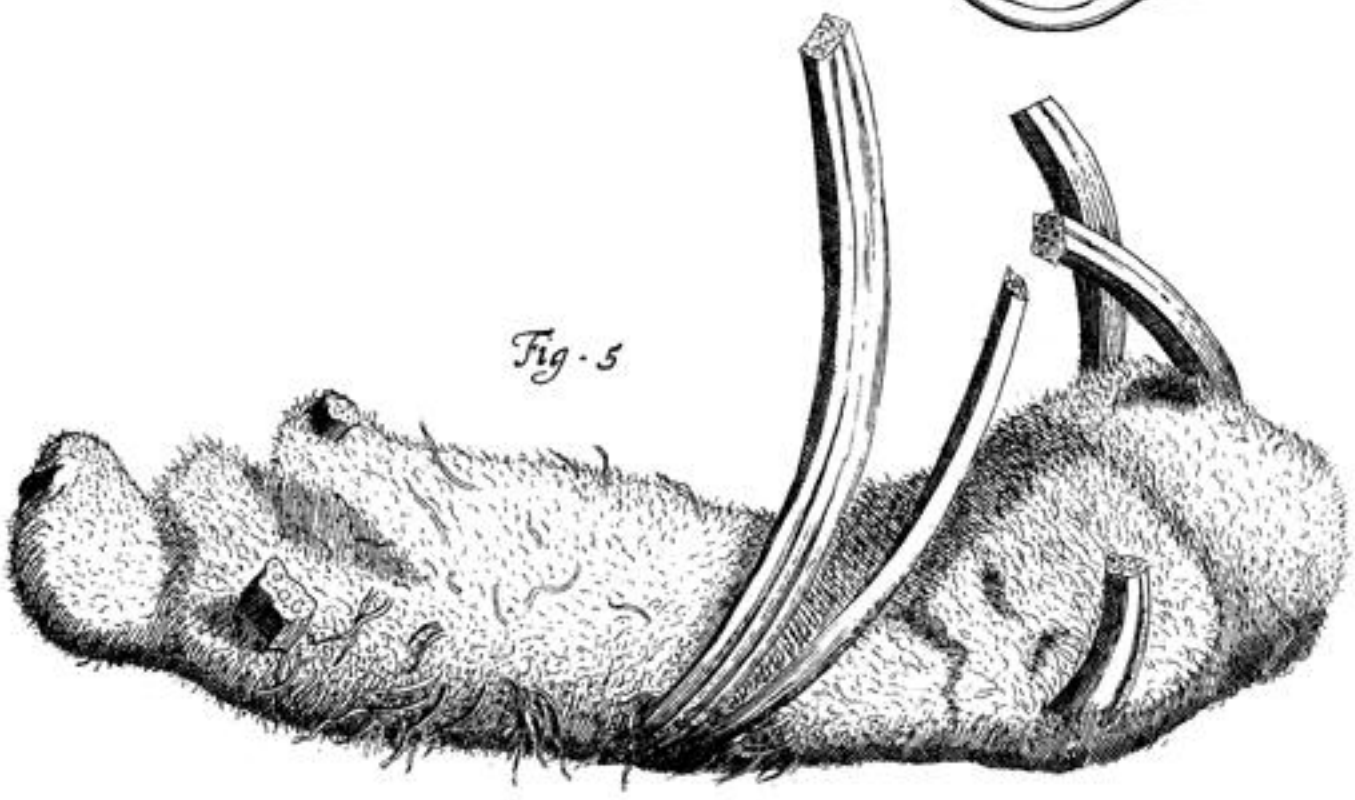
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